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1. AFTER MEETING REFTEL LEVIHN SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH NZEZA WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY SET FOR 1830 FEBRUARY 25. PRIOR TO MEETING, NZEZA'S DEPUTY GATARIKI SHOWED UP TO INQUIRE AS TO WHAT SUBJECTS WOULD BE DISCUSSED. LEVIHN SAID HE HAD TELEX MESSAGE FROM SPENCER TO NZEZA AND WENT OVER SUBSTANCE BUT DID NOT RPT NOT SHOW GATARIKI TEXT. LEVIHN STRESSED URGENT NECESSITY AT MINIMUM OF MAKING AVAILABLE SUFFICIENT ZAIRES TO MEET FEBRUARY PAYROLL. GATARIKI ASKED MEMORANDUM BE PREPARED GIVING DETAILS AMOUNTS DUE SO THAT HE COULD BRIEF NZEZA FEBRUARY 26. CIS HAS PREPARED MEMO BUT SINCE GATARIKI HAS NOT YET PICKED IT UP, IS HAND CARRYING IT TO HIM.

2. FNCB REP SPINK SPOKE TO GOVERNOR SAMBWA BY PHONE FEBRUARY 25. LATTER SAID HE HAD JUST AUTHORIZED PAYMENT TO FNCB IN EXCESS OF \$7 MILLION. THIS INCLUDED NOT ONLY \$800,000 DUE FNCB IN INTEREST AND COMMITMENT FEES, BUT \$1.5 MILLION URGENTLY SOUGHT BY M-K. WHEN SPINK ASKED IF HE COULD INFORM FNCB NY FUNDS BEING TRANSFERRED, SAMBWA REFERRED HIM TO HEAD OF CONFIDENTIAL

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EXCHANGE BUREAU. LATTER INDIVIDUAL, WHEN QUERIED,

SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM GOVERNOR. SPINK FOLLOWING UP. LEVIHN INFORMED.

3. FYI. TACTIC IS FOR CIS TO KEEP PRESSING CITING FEBRUARY 28 PAYROLL AS URGENT NECESSITY. IN FACT, ALTHOUGH CIS ALREADY OVERDRAWN, FNCB WILLING MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE TO MEET FEBRUARY PAYROLL IN EVENT SNEL UNABLE PRODUCE SUFFICIENT ZAIRES TODAY OR TOMORROW. IF PAYMENT CITED PARA TWO ABOVE IN FACT GOES THROUGH, OR IF SNEL ABLE TO COME UP WITH SUFFICIENT ZAIRES TO KEEP OPERATIONS GOING, LEVIHN NOW PLANS TO TELL NZEZA SUBSTANCE OF TELEX BUT NOT GIVE HIM A COPY. END FYI.

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